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Inland Wetlands Commission (IWC)
Minutes- Regular Meeting
Tuesday, October 22, 2013, 7:00 PM
Third Floor, Council Chambers
Vernon Memorial Building
14 Park Place
Rockville / Vernon, CT

1. Call to Order & Roll Call

Meeting called to order at 7:05PM by Chairman Mark Kalina. Members present were Lynda Morhardt and Ronald Kane. Craig Perry was present from the Town of Vernon –Inland Wetlands Agent. Absent were Frank Galat and Jeffrey Pescosolido.

2. Administrative Actions

2.1 Communications received not related to Agenda items.

- No report

2.2 Adoption of Agenda – Items to be added to the agenda under item #3 “Additional Business” should be introduced to this section “#2.2 Amendment/Adoption of Agenda”.

- There were no items to be added to the agenda under # 3.

2.3 Acceptance of Minutes.

- Minutes for the September 25, 2013 meeting will be presented at next month’s meeting.

2.4 Call for filing(s) of Intervener petition(s) and determination of status.

- No one was present as an intervener.

3. Public Hearing

3.1 Continued Hearing for Application (IWC-2013-05) of Andre Charbonneau for a wetlands redesignation and a wetlands permit to construct a single family dwelling and install a culvert for a driveway crossing of a wetland on property at 133 Washington Street (Assessor’s ID: Map # 11, Block # 0155, Lot/Parcel 09A10 & # 01B24).

- Present for the hearing for the application (IWC-2013-05) of Andre Charbonneau from the J.R. Russo & Associates, LLC was Timothy A. Coon, P.E. and John P. Ianni from Highland Soils,

LLC. Mr. Coon presented three sets of drawings representing different locations for the new structure to be located at 133 Washington Street. Each drawing represented a different wetland impact to the property. Mr. Ianni reviewed his revised Boundary Redesignation and Wetland Report with the commission. He stated that the new alternatives would have minimal or no effect on the existing wetlands. The functions and values of the wetlands were also reviewed by Mr. Ianni. In accordance with the first alternative, the structure was to be built in the upper section of the property, 2,200 square feet of wetlands disturbance would be proposed. The second alternative would incorporate a revision on the first wetland crossing, adding an additional wetland crossing, and the wetland disturbance would be reduced from 2,200 square feet to 1,620 square feet. Also presented but had not been reviewed by the Town Planner or the Conservation Commission is a third alternative. This plan would move the structure further back on the property with a larger separation to the wetlands and would also include two wetland crossings. The Conservation Committee discussed concerns regarding the wetland crossings impact, sediment stabilization and retention, fish habitat, pollutants and water runoff. There was a concern regarding the "no turn around" provision made for the second alternative, which would be a problem for the Fire Department. It was stated that the owner of the property would consider installing sprinklers if that was a requirement.

Ms. Eileen Tate, 137 Washington Street, Vernon, Connecticut addressed the Commission. She presented the Commission with a petition of 90 signatures opposing the developing of the new structure to be located at 133 Washington Street, Vernon, Connecticut. Ms. Tate explained the history of the property located at 137 Washington Street from 1977 to the present. She expressed her concern about the environmental and wetland impact that the new structure would impose at 137 Washington Street.

Ms. Ann LeTendre, 29 Gottier Drive, Vernon Connecticut, a previous Conservation Commission member, expressed her concern of the building of the new structure located at 137 Washington Street. Her concern was relevant to the conservation easement of the property and the impact on Tucker Brook and the Tankerhoosen River. She also expressed concern that the Commission had not seen the plan for the 3rd alternative of the building of the new structure and that the Commission should request a 3rd extension of the application.

Ms. Sigrun Gadwa, a Wetlands scientist from Carya Ecological Services, LLC informed the Commission that she had walked the

perimeter and found disparities in the findings previously stated by Mr. Ianni. Her findings included concerns relating to the wildlife habitat, vegetation and marsh being flushed down stream, leaf litter and food web would be affected and the ecological integrity of the wetlands would be reduced. There would be an adverse impact to small streams and that the 30 foot easement is not adequate for that site. She stated that the indirect impact of the development of the structure at 137 Washington Street is a grave concern.

Public Hearing is to be continued by consent of the applicant.

IWC Commission requested a 5 minute recess at 9:06 PM. Meeting resumed at 9:11 PM.

Staff member Craig Perry, Inland Wetlands Agent stated that tonight was the first time he and the commission had seen the third alternative plan. He was also concerned that there was not enough history from the Town concerning the two non-buildable lots. He referenced the letter from the NCCD relating to the 2nd crossing and the water runoff. He stated concerns about the loss of power and the proximity of the sewer system/ grinder pump to the wetlands. He also stated that his main concern is with the 2nd alternative plan and that the topography plan is not accurate. He suggested that there be an extension of the application for the IWC-2013-05 to address the wetlands redesignation.

J.R. Russo & Associates, LLC prepared a request for an extension of the application for IWC-2013-05 and presented it to the Commission.

A motion was made by Mark Kalina and seconded by Ron Kane to accept the request for extension. Motion passed unanimously.

4. Status of Cease & Correct Orders

11 Autumn Wood Lane

- Craig Perry spoke to the homeowner and is planning on re-inspecting the property to see if the letter they received made an impact.

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Talcottville Mill, 47 Main Street

- No report

21 Terrace Drive

- No report

19 Grove Street

- Mr. Perry reported ~~that~~ he had no current information at this time.

5. Additional Business

5.1 Receipt of Application and Determination of Significance

- Mr. Perry reported there were no receipts of application and determination of significance.

5.2 Wetlands Enforcement Officer – Report

- Mr. Perry reported that the West Main Street bridge will start construction next year. The Bolton Lake Sewer program is continuing and there appears to be no erosion. IWC 2006-20, the Walker Reservoir has made some park improvements and Parks and Recreation continue to work on them.

5.3 Inland Wetlands Agent – Report

- Mr. Perry stated there is no report at this time.

6. Adjournment.

- A motion was made by Mark Kalina and seconded by Lynda Morhardt to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 10:07 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Peggy A. Jackle
Recording Secretary

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